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 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomio MIMURA, et al.
 SERIAL NO: 10/032,554
 FILED: January 2, 2002
 FOR: GAS-LIQUID CONTACT PLATE AND GAS-LIQUID CONTACTOR

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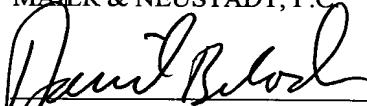
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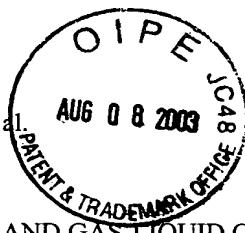


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.